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LETTER DATED 23 JUNE 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BULGARIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, a memorandum by the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding the urgent need of providing humanitarian aid in foodstuffs and medicines to people in need inhabiting communities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) with a predominating Bulgarian population.

I would appreciate it if Your Excellency would arrange for this letter and its enclosure to be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Svetlomir BAEV
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Memorandum by the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria regarding the urgent need of providing humanitarian aid in foodstuffs and medicines to people in need inhabiting communities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) with a predominating Bulgarian population

The sanctions imposed against Serbia and Montenegro pursuant to resolution 757 of the Security Council of 30 May 1992 will affect particularly badly the population inhabiting the most backward regions in these republics. This is especially true of the population in the border areas adjacent to the Republic of Bulgaria, the majority of which is of Bulgarian descent.

Bulgarians in Serbia have a recognized minority status. The bulk of them live in the communities of Bosilegrad, Caribrod, Babusnica and Surdulica. According to official statistics, these communities are the economically most backward in Serbia. Industry is underdeveloped; agriculture, unlike in some other regions, is poorly mechanized; the public utility infrastructure is problem-ridden; communications are insufficient, etc.

That population experiences at present the most acute need of foodstuffs and medicine, necessitating the urgent provision of humanitarian aid. The situation is made even worse by the accommodation of Serbian refugees from the first phase of the war in Croatia and by the current influx of mostly Muslim refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina, to settle on a permanent basis in that region.

The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria calls for an urgent provision of humanitarian aid in foodstuffs and medicine to be delivered to the above-mentioned communities.